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UTILIZATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE LABOR
FORCE, MAY 26 - JULY 27, 1977

REF: (A) STATE 78117, (B) LA PAZ 2339, (C) AID CIRC 133

1. APPRECIATE OLAB INTEREST AND SUGGESTIONS (REF A).
AT YOUR SUGGESTION GOB MINISTRY APPROACHED VARIOUS
INSTITUTIONS HERE (UNDP AND OAS) BUT WAS UNABLE
TO OBTAIN FUNDS. AS WE NOTED BEFORE RAMIRO RIOS IS
AN INTELLIGENT UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WHO HAS BEEN
WORKING ABOUT ONE YEAR AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
UNDERSECRETARY OF LABOR FOR LABOR DEVELOPMENT. RIOS
STRATEGICALLY PLACED TO PASS ON THE INFORMATION HE
GLEANS FROM THE COURSE TO THE UNDERSECRETARY. GOB
OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR
THE TRAINING OLAB FURNISHED OTHER MINISTRY CANDIDATES.
THE UNDERSECRETARY HAS TWICE RECOMMENDED MR. RIOS FOR
COURSES.

2. OUR RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE
LABOR MINISTRY ALSO HAVE REEMPHASIZED THE
CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS OF UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN
BOLIVIA ESPECIALLY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LA PAZ.
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IN THE NEIGHBORING DEPARTMENT OF COCHABAMBA
A SIMILAR PROBLEM RECENTLY WAS SIGNALLED IN A
UNIVERSITY STUDY. IN THE LATTER CASE, CAMPESINOS
WHO ARE SEEKING WORK IN COCHABAMBA OFTEN ARE
FOUND UNEMPLOYABLE FOR LACK OF MARKETABLE SKILLS.
A SIZEABLE GROUP OF THIS SORT NOW LIVE ON THE OUT-
SKIRTS OF THE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL. THE COURSE ON

EMPLOYMENT PLANNING THEREFORE, IS QUITE RELEVANT TO
ONE OF BOLIVIA'S MANY CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE
CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING OF THE COURSES EXPENSES FOR
MR. RAMIRO RIOS BY THE LA/AID/W BUREAU. AID BOLIVIA
IS PREPARED TO PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES.
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